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Q: Hey, what's this comic?
A: Four issues in, and you haven't got this yet? This is VERSUS #4, the comic series that's all about the AVENGERS and the X-MEN punching each other's FACES until one of 'em cries UNCLE.

Q: Wait...isn't that what AVENGERS VS. X-MEN is about?
A: NAH, dude! That book has all this PLOT clogging it up! They're all worried about some PHOENIX FORCE or something. Basically, that series is an EXCUSE to make THIS awesome series—where the REAL punch-ups is at!

Q: Oh, so I need to read that to understand this one?
A: NO WAY! Why would you need PLOT to understand a lady beating on a blind guy? DON'T WORRY about it. You'll get it. You're SMART.

Q: Thanks! But, uh...for the sake of argument, if I WASN'T as smart as I am...what all is going on in that main series?
A: I don't know—something like the Phoenix Force powered up a bunch of X-Men, so they took over the world and outlawed the Avengers. Whatever. And I take ISSUE with you calling that the MAIN series.

Q: You're suggesting the "fights only" book is the main series?
A: I AM STATING IT OUTRIGHT. What else do you need?

Q: Nothing, I guess?
A: NOW you're catching on!

DAREDEVIL VS. PSYLOCKE

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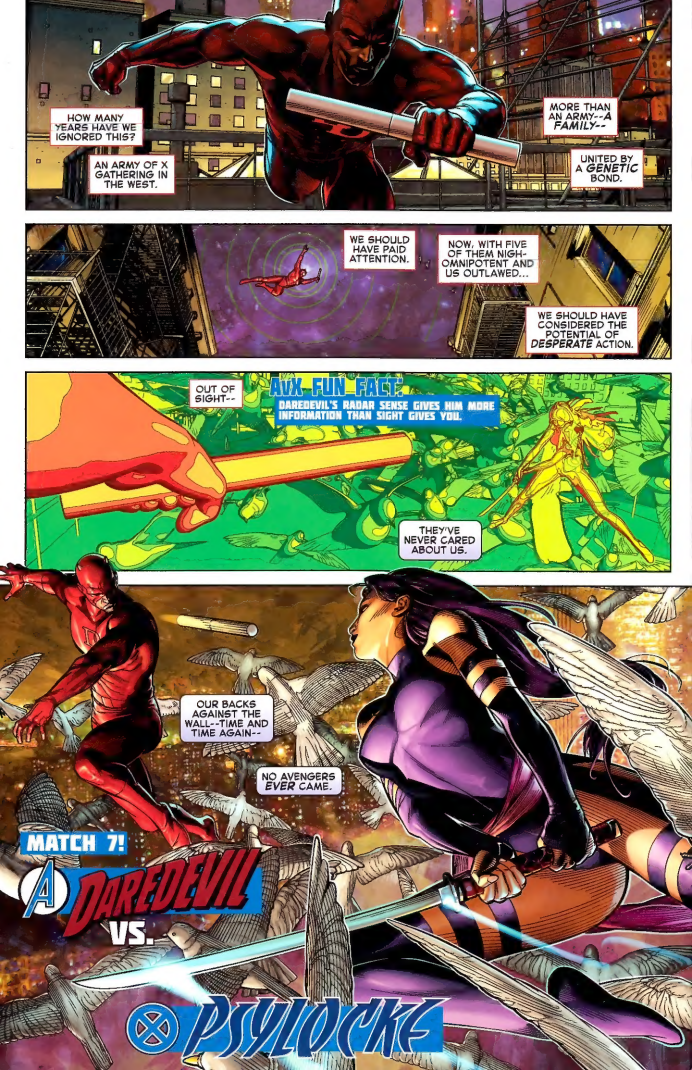

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE WE IGNORED THIS?
AN ARMY OF X GATHERING IN THE WEST.
MORE THAN AN ARMY--A FAMILY--
UNITED BY A GENETIC BOND.
WE SHOULD HAVE PAID ATTENTION.
NOW, WITH FIVE OF THEM NIGH-OMNIPOTENT AND US OUTLAWED...
WE SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED THE POTENTIAL OF DESPERATE ACTION.
OUT OF SIGHT--
AVX-FUN FACT:
DAREDEVIL'S RADAR SENSE GIVES HIM MORE INFORMATION THAN SIGHT GIVES YOU.
THEY'VE NEVER CARED ABOUT US.
OUR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL--TIME AND TIME AGAIN--
NO AVENGERS EVER CAME.
MATCH 7!
DAREDEVIL
VS.
PSYLOCKE

TWNK
NOW, WITH THE POWER TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD...
THEY DON'T TRUST *US*.
HER STYLE-- USING THE PIGEONS AS MOVING CAMOUFLAGE--
REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE.
SKRAK
SHE WAS ALSO TRAINED BY *THE HAND*.
AvX FUN FACT:
PSYLOCKE IS NOT ONLY A POWERFUL TELEPATH, SHE WAS ONCE THE HAND'S PREMIER ASSASSIN.

BUT NOW-- THIS STALL--
UP TO *SOMETHING.*
MIRRORING EVERY MOVE.
CAN'T DEFEAT HIM HAND-TO-HAND--

TRY MIND-TO-MIND--
--STEP IN--

--SHUT HIM DOWN--

NO!
OVERLOADING-- FEEDBACK--
THERE'S THE ANSWER--
SHE'S A *TELEPATH.*

AND SHE JUST LEARNED WHAT IT'S LIKE THE FIRST TIME YOU EXPERIENCE MY HYPER-SENSES--

--IT *HURTS.*
--DIZZYING-- MY HEAD--
A LIFETIME'S WORTH OF *MIGRAINES.*
KRSSH

TO MAKE THEM REGRET THEIR INTRUSION.

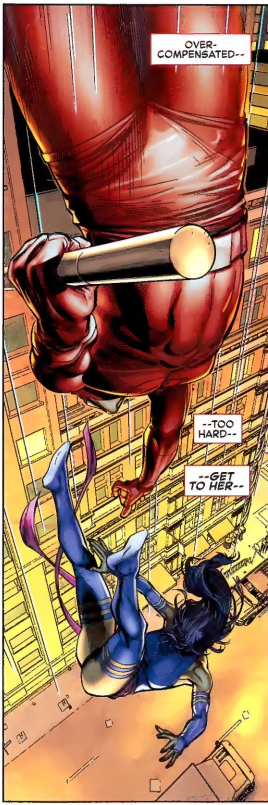
SHE'S FIGHTING WITH *INTENTION*.
SKRASH
PUTS ME ON THE *DEFENSIVE*.
CHANGE THAT.
KLAPP
OKAY.
NOW WE *BOTH* KNOW WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH.

HUNTING LIKE A NINJA.

HAS NO REASON TO EXPECT--

...I AM, TOO.
KLUDD

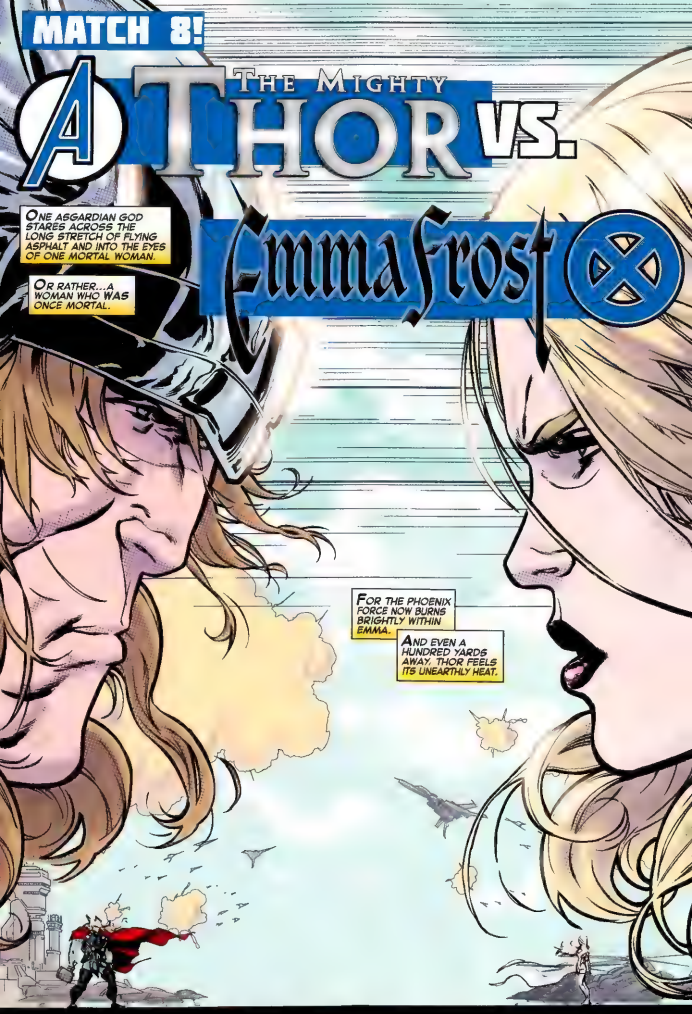
SHE TURNED--
--WRONG MOMENT--

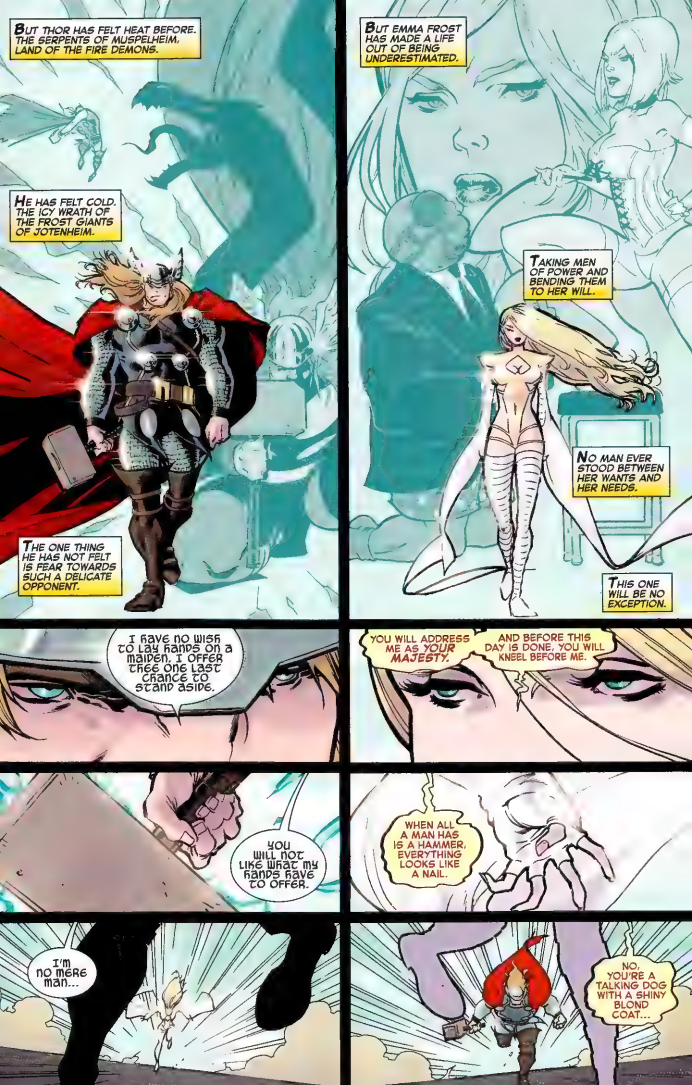

OVER-COMPENSATED--
--TOO HARD--
--GET TO HER--

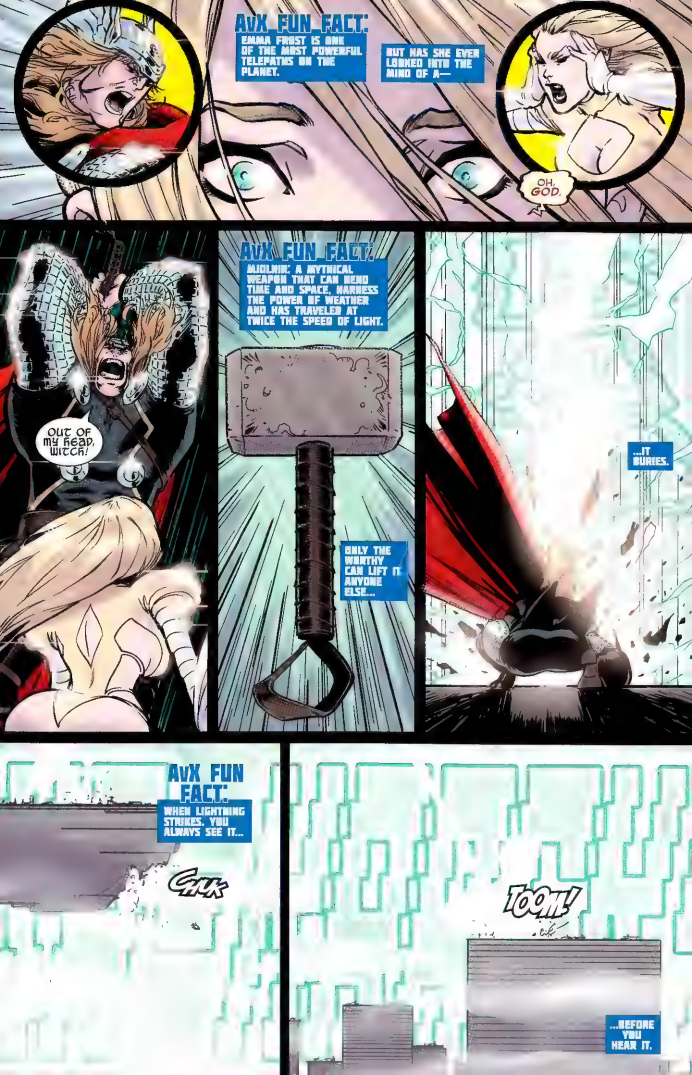
OVERCONFIDENT.
EASILY DREW HIM OUT.
LEAVING HIM VULNERABLE.
HATE TO PUNISH A MAN FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING--
BUT HERE WE ARE.
OOF--!

YOU'RE ANGRY.
WHAT GAVE IT AWAY?
YOU FEEL PERSECUTED... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
WITH ALL THAT POWER, I GUESS WE'LL SEE HOW DIFFERENTLY YOU X-MEN DO THINGS.
IF THIS AMBUSH IS ANY INDICATOR...
PSYLOCKE'S PSYCHIC KNIFE CAN CAUSE NEUROLOGICAL COLLAPSE, PUTTING OPPONENTS ASLEEP FOR DAYS.
...YOU'LL HAVE US ON AN ISLAND OF OUR OWN BEFORE THIS IS ALL OVER.
I--I--
HAVE A LOT TO THINK ABOUT IT SEEMS.
SMACK
BEFORE YOU GET UP AND CHASE ME YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK YOURSELF ONE QUESTION--

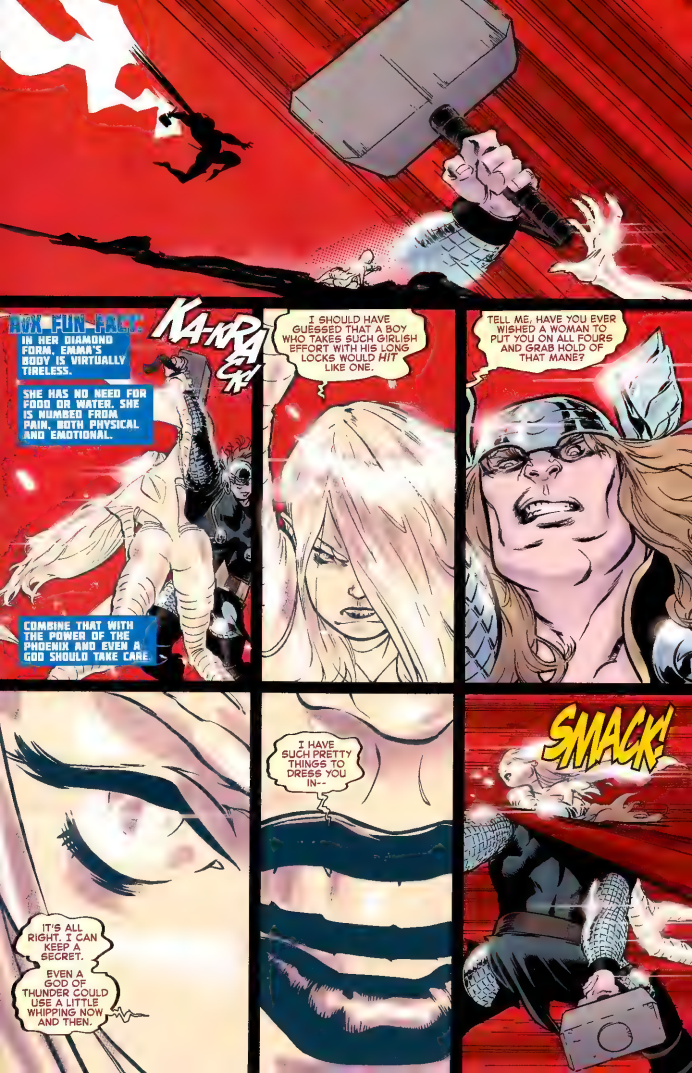
WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT?
FINAL VERDICT:
CRAIG


MATCH 8!
THE MIGHTY THOR VS. EMMA FROST
ONE ASGARDIAN GOD STARES ACROSS THE LONG STRETCH OF FLYING ASPHALT AND INTO THE EYES OF ONE MORTAL WOMAN.
OR RATHER...A WOMAN WHO WAS ONCE MORTAL.
FOR THE PHOENIX FORCE NOW BURNS BRIGHTLY WITHIN EMMA.
AND EVEN A HUNDRED YARDS AWAY, THOR FEELS ITS UNEARTHLY HEAT.


BUT THOR HAS FELT HEAT BEFORE. THE SERPENTS OF MUSPELHEIM. LAND OF THE FIRE DEMONS.
HE HAS FELT COLD. THE ICY WRATH OF THE FROST GIANTS OF JOTENHEIM.
THE ONE THING HE HAS NOT FELT IS FEAR TOWARDS SUCH A DELICATE OPPONENT.
BUT EMMA FROST HAS MADE A LIFE OUT OF BEING UNDERESTIMATED.
TAKING MEN OF POWER AND BENDING THEM TO HER WILL.
NO MAN EVER STOOD BETWEEN HER WANTS AND HER NEEDS.
THIS ONE WILL BE NO EXCEPTION.
I HAVE NO WISH TO LAY HANDS ON A MAIDEN. I OFFER THEE ONE LAST CHANCE TO STAND ASIDE.
YOU WILL ADDRESS ME AS YOUR MAJESTY.
AND BEFORE THIS DAY IS DONE, YOU WILL KNEEL BEFORE ME.
YOU WILL NOT LIKE WHAT MY HANDS HAVE TO OFFER.
WHEN ALL A MAN HAS IS A HAMMER, EVERYTHING LOOKS LIKE A NAIL.
I'M NO MERE MAN...
NO, YOU'RE A TALKING DOG WITH A SHINY BLOND COAT...


AvX FUN FACT:
EMMA FROST IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TELEPATHS ON THE PLANET.
BUT HAS SHE EVER LOOKED INTO THE MIND OF A—
OH GOD.
OUT OF MY HEAD, WITCH!
AvX FUN FACT:
MJOLNIR: A MYTHICAL WEAPON THAT CAN BEND TIME AND SPACE, HARNESS THE POWER OF WEATHER AND HAS TRAVELED AT TWICE THE SPEED OF LIGHT.
ONLY THE WORTHY CAN LIFT IT. ANYONE ELSE...
...IT BURIES.
AvX FUN FACT:
WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES, YOU ALWAYS SEE IT...
CRUK
TOOM!
...BEFORE YOU HEAR IT.

KOOOM!
THUMP
THUMP
I warned thee, maiden!
I am no mere man!
ZNNNPWE


NOX FUN-FACT:
IN HER DIAMOND FORM, EMMA'S BODY IS VIRTUALLY TIRELESS.
SHE HAS NO NEED FOR FOOD OR WATER. SHE IS NUMBED FROM PAIN, BOTH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL.
COMBINE THAT WITH THE POWER OF THE PHOENIX AND EVEN A GOD SHOULD TAKE CARE
KA-DRA-CK!
I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT A BOY WHO TAKES SUCH GIRLISH EFFORT WITH HIS LONG LOCKS WOULD HIT LIKE ONE.
TELL ME, HAVE YOU EVER WISHED A WOMAN TO PUT YOU ON ALL FOURS AND GRAB HOLD OF THAT MANE?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I CAN KEEP A SECRET.
EVEN A GOD OF THUNDER COULD USE A LITTLE WHIPPING NOW AND THEN.
I HAVE SUCH PRETTY THINGS TO DRESS YOU IN--
SMACK!

AvX FUN FACT:
WHAT GOES UP...
GODS ARE NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH.
AvX FUN FACT:
...MUST EVENTUALLY COME BACK DOWN.

CONTROL

THIS FORCE INSIDE ME...
...IS NOT SO EASILY BEATEN.

THIS FORCE INSIDE ME...
...TASTES LIKE FIRE.
MAN? GOD?
WINNER:
PITY. I WAS HOPING FOR SOMETHING WITH A LITTLE MORE THUNDER.
Emma Frost

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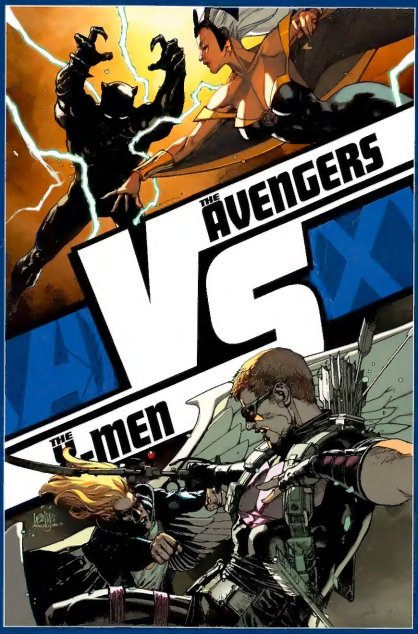

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